

1. (Currently Amended) A method of downloading video content representing a subscriber program to a subscriber terminal, comprising:
decomposing at a server, video content into a plurality of video quality portions during compression of the video content, wherein the compression of the video content uses one of a sub-band technique and a vector quantization technique, wherein a low-quality video portion of the plurality of video quality portions comprises ~~comprising~~ a complete copy of the program at a video quality lower than at least one of the plurality of video quality portions, and wherein each of a plurality of combinations of the low-quality video portion and the other video quality portions is customized for delivery on each of a plurality of asymmetrical digital subscriber line bandwidths;

~~compressing the decomposed video content using one of a sub-band technique or a vector quantization technique;~~

downloading from a server, a complete copy of the low-quality video portion to the subscriber terminal via an asymmetrical digital subscriber line during off-peak hours for storage locally at the subscriber terminal;

receiving from the subscriber terminal a selection request for the program corresponding to the video content after downloading the complete copy of the low-quality video portion; and

downloading in real time at least one of the plurality of video quality portions having a video quality higher than the low-quality video portion to the subscriber terminal via the asymmetrical digital subscriber line in response to the selection request.

2-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the combinations of the low-quality video portion and the at least one of the plurality of video quality portions video quality portions represents a different level of service quality wherein the compression further comprises sub-band coding and wherein the low-quality video further comprises lower spatial frequency sub-bands and the other than the other video portions.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining [[a]] asymmetrical digital subscriber line download bandwidth available to the subscriber terminal; and

selecting the at least one of the plurality of video quality portions having a quality higher than the low-quality video portion based on the download bandwidth to generate a combination of the lower quality and the other video portions, wherein each combination has a video quality level selected for the asymmetrical digital subscriber line bandwidth available to the subscriber terminal.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7, wherein the video quality portions are organized in a pyramidal scheme.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

recomposing a plurality of downloaded video quality portions representing the program at the subscriber terminal for presenting the content to a user.

11-20 (Cancelled).

21. (Currently Amended) A system for providing video content representing a program to a networked device, comprising:

means for decomposing compressed video content into a plurality of parts during compression of the video content, wherein the compression of the video content uses one of a sub-band technique and a vector equalization technique, wherein each of the parts contain data representing a predetermined level of content quality; and wherein each part of the plurality of parts is combined for providing a different quality for different asymmetrical digital subscriber line bandwidths:

~~means for compressing the decomposed video content using one of the sub-band technique or a vector quantization technique;~~

means for downloading a low quality part of the content during off-peak hours that represents a complete copy of the program at a low video quality to a a ~~the~~ networked device via an asymmetrical digital subscriber line for storage therein;

means for receiving from the networked device a selection request for the program corresponding to the low quality part stored at the networked device after downloading the low quality part of the video content; and

means for downloading in real time at least one of the other parts to the networked device via the asymmetrical digital subscriber line in response to the selection request.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, wherein the decomposing means includes means for decomposing the compressed content using a pyramidal scheme.

23. (Original) The system of claim 21, further comprising: means for determining a download bandwidth available to the networked device.

24. (Original) The system of claim 23, further comprising: means for selecting the at least one of the other parts based on the download bandwidth.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer- readable storage medium comprising a set of instructions for providing video content representing a program to a networked device, the set of instructions to direct a processor to perform acts of:

decomposing video content into a plurality of video quality portions during compression of the video content, wherein the compression of the video content uses one of a sub-band technique or a vector quantization technique, wherein a low-quality video portion of the plurality of video quality portions comprises ~~comprising~~ a complete video portion of the program at a video quality lower than at least one of the plurality of video quality portions, and wherein each video quality portions of the plurality of video quality portions other than the low-quality video portion is combined for a different video quality customized for each different asymmetrical digital subscriber line band width;

~~compressing the decomposed video content using one of a sub-band technique or a vector quantization technique;~~

downloading a complete copy of the low-quality vide portion to the subscriber terminal via an asymmetrical digital subscriber line during off-peak hours for storage locally at the subscriber terminal;

receiving from the subscriber terminal a selection request for the program corresponding to the video content after downloading the complete copy of the low-quality video portion; and

downloading in real time at least one of the plurality of video quality portions having a video quality higher than the low-quality video portion to the subscriber terminal via the asymmetrical digital subscriber line in response to the selection request.